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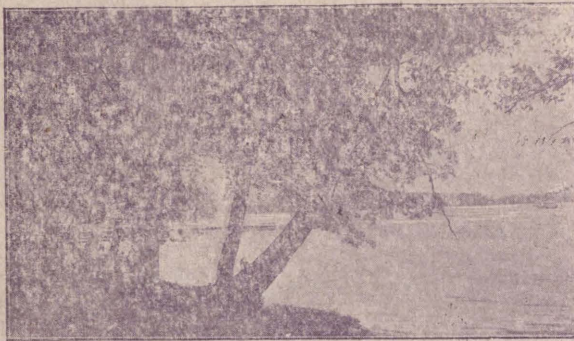
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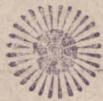
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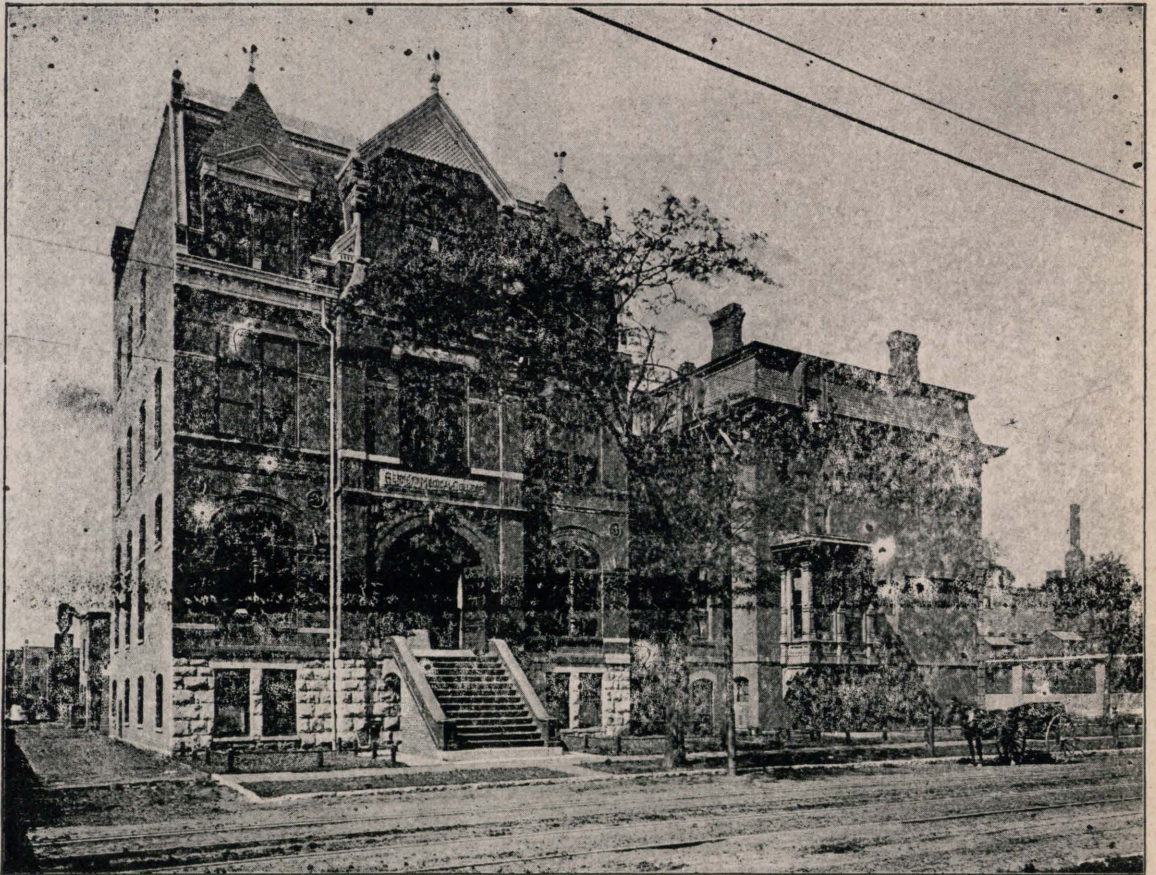
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Tenacity of Purpose

by G. D. FERRILL.

The solitary shores of America at one time afforded an admirable refuge for a class of people wearied of the old world by hardships and oppressions. Moved by profound religious purposes, and a singleness of aim which they believed to be right and invincible, they sought in the enticements of liberty and peace to realize their conception of duty and revealed truth. They were a people who shunned the cross to provide for the peaceable exercise of their religion in a distant wilderness. Man who dwelt in the darker shadow of life and heroically treaded an extremely painful and difficult road to eternity. Lead on as they professed by the inward movement of the spirit, they honestly assumed that it was their mission to purge the land of heresy; and in their vigorous attempts to accomplish this end, we very justly have reputation as holders of mystic and pernicious principles; liberal distributors of fines, imprisonments, and stripes. They unswervingly devoted themselves to the proposition that the command of the spirit was inaudible except to the soul and was not to be controverted on grounds of human wisdom. Their unfailing devoutness lead them on, undaunted by fear or favor, into extravagance, persecutions, and even to martyrdom. We are lead to wonder at their narrowness and their inconsistency; their imperfect education, uncompromising bigotry, and natural combativeness. But we equally admire their firm conviction, unconquerable heroism, and wonderful power of endurance. We are eager to testify against their great influence, unjustifiably exerted to compass the death of those wandering enthusiasts who practiced peace toward all men, and whose place among these Puritans was one of the greatest peril and danger. But in a wide sur-

A Heavy Tragedy in One Act.

Knowing well your burdened patience and the value of your time,
I will do my speech up hastily and give to you in rhyme
For the bounds of meter measure in a pleasing kind of way.
All ideas prose can utter all our short sight can survey,
In its province chrystallizes those dear dim and wandering things
Prose hath scattered o'er the fancy and so instinct focus brings.
No one should call it poetry when critics judge it not,
For just because it jingles and perhaps contains a thought
Is no sign the universal permeates the narrowed life,
Or it argues a removal from our round of sordid strife;
Poets are born so to be poets and by no convention made,
Through no pious invocation would the muse come to my aid,
Had I prayed for inspiration it had struck to smite me blind,
I could never reach the fountain for your sake to which inclined;
So I did the work without the help I wanted none the less,
And the stuff was manufactured by main strength and awkwardness,
I aver the race was very close twist awkwardness and strength,
Though the first outran the second yet the last made up in length,
The trick conceals a secret whose process I give o'er—
Write the first and rhyme the next line, with the one that went before.
Thus I jingle for your pleasure since you see I am no bard
As without an inspiration I can jingle by the yard;
Please take the good intentions for the truth it might contain,
And ascribe the things shortcomings to the writers lack of brain.
I simply ask your pardon if you do not like the style,
(The botch of any tinker always brings a frown or smile)
And should the jargon be gravitable to over praise or fault,
In a Christian spirit take it with a kindly grain of salt,

Within our cheerful, happy throng no Phariseic yell responds,
There gleams no Lawyer's polished cane, nor gaps no bleeding wounds;
We hear no rush of trampling feet, no glint of angry eye;
No earthquake rends our quiet ground, no cuss words rise on high;
We fear no sting from hurtling stones, no guns are here turned loose;
No troubled visions cross the mind of judge or calaboose,
No Classic wanders idly near, no Mossback stops to stare,
And not a sound of discord breaks upon our balmy air;
Pa Kinsey comes, his radiant face, bisected with a grin.
Mike Kelley scents no danger close and silently slips in;
And all the joyous harmonies breathe out a sweet release,
And all the pleasures undisturbed flow on in endless peace.

The parting time draws on a pace when with handles to our names,
We scatter to our varied toils with changed words and arms;
But with happy future holding all the hope she has to show
Fond memory turns backward to many moons ago,
When a homely lot of Mossbacks we landed in the town
In a foreign city's fashion or with hayseed in our hair,
How with trembling expectation sought we out the public office

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cy and a broader view, we find qualities to incite our keenest veneration. "They had no flower gardens of the soul," but they strove to meet their own ideal conceptions. They were courageous and fearless in their intense convictions and in the pursuit of what they believed to be right; and in them we find the physical and the spiritual exemplification of a great principle; an immutable law of victory manifestly expressed in them as "Tenacity of Purpose."

In these rigid old Puritans it is fairly and fully presented to us in constancy of endurance, strength of character and a profound desire to promulgate their revealed ideas of Justice. As sincere and fervid followers of the prophet, in so far as their limited range of conception and fickleness of mind extended they are not to be called into question. But, it is obviously true that they were obstinate and struggled in harmony with the superstitious fears of the time. We can offer no murmur of approval to the serious mistakes of ignorance and desperate actions of hereticism which were precipitated into the lowest depths among them. But the central laws which they joined themselves to, and cooperated with, are none the less important, and none the less true. Their "Tenacity of Purpose" is a story of heroism in a time of dense superstition; but it lacked that intensity of thought and those "far-darting" rays of wisdom, necessary to make them virtuous and sure of conquest. We contrash favorably with them in having less of the blunt strength, but more of the keen intellectual edge; less of that tough, rugged, but more of the finely tempered damascus steel. Hence, that quality in them which allowed error to predominate, and prejudice to distort the aspect of what was true to us means the unquestioned badge and ensign of a sovereign mind. That power of determination which through all change of environments changes never, bates no jot of heart, or hope, but wearies out opposition and arrives at its port."

Where a pleasant looking fellow with a cheerful business air,
Whom we found to be no other than Professor H. B. Brown,
Magnetized us so completely that we left our money there.

And how we went to chapel the first eventful morn,
And heard him kindly tell us the lettered rooms and numbered;
The drills and studies we might take providing they were new;
To quickly enter classes if our money HADN'T come;
To make straight to the office if we got lost or blundered;
Then he quickly fixed the classes while we sat and blankly wondered.

He told the Senior Lawyers to follow Colonel Jones
So they should not miss the law school or get lost upon the way;
How the rooms and board were always sold in buildings of the school;
To put our money on deposit we could have it any day;
As long as they were keeping it they couldn't help but save it,
And thus through this arrangement we another term might stay
Term's tuition was ten dollars; if the time was any shorter,
They held it at the weekly rates of a dollar and a quarter.
Then as a climax told us there was no hope to shirk,
Life's success lay not in genius but in willingness to work,
And he made the distance lesser to the goal we hoped to reach
When we found that power of greatness lay within the scope of each;
Naught would come but by our effort, that alone must make us all;
Guided by the faith which fails not, of ourselves we stand or fall.

Thus were spent the sacred moments for devotion set aside
In a speech so very often made he had learned it all by heart.
It was neither logical nor deep but very long and wide
And was couched in common phrases nor concealed a subtle art.
(These things so aged and tired to all he five times yearly tells,
Though we feel it not his nature but necessity compels.)

And now we thought the end had come we tighter gripped our books,
Deep seated joy was in our hearts and gladness in our looks,
But chagrin filled our inmost souls for he surprised us when
He turned his speech completely round and made it over again.

And how we formed our friendships; no regard for rank or station;
And how we sweat and suffered through the weeks of vaccination;
But strong and brave our band came out, our loved and numbered few,
Their stern and sterling qualities through dog-days rose to view.

"In the Autumn Kinsey called us, to room C came our flock—
When the frost was on the pumpkins and the fodder in the shock"
And there he worked his magic art and Lo, it came to pass!
With Williams for a nurse was born the SCIENTIFIC CLASS.

Though few were tender aged when ushered into College life,
We found our efforts infantile in the dubious students' strife.
But our brains waxed large and lusty for our pabulum was good,
And we grew and struggled onward and we did the best we could.
Yet many found oblivion's bourn ere flowery June came when
He called the faithful still to him and we were born again.
With transformed eyes I gazed around, and as they wandered o'er
That group of happy faces I saw many known of yore.

For there was F. N. Gaggin who one breezy April morn,
Early rising in bad humor had packed his clothes and horn;
For sometime things had all gone wrong and just the day before,

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Tenacity of Purpose is an indispensable factor in the achievement of success. It cultivates the soil of self-reliance, research, independent vigor of thought, and results in the purest efficiency and extraction of the intellect. It is that quality in mental and moral discipline which prepares one for a full realization of life as a go for activity, in body, in mind, in everything. In this very hard practical and common sense time of "getting and spending" it seems that there is one supreme and true demand. It penetrates every business establishment and profession in the land; it belongs to the discretion of every man and every order of society, and its venerable title is personal worth and ability. It is simply a question of "what can you do?"—not the amount of knowledge, but, the capacity to apply it. Theories avail but little. Tenacity of purpose is that power of persistence which will do things while others dream of them or theorize about them. Its influence extends far beyond faith in men and institutions. It is a calling out and expansion of the vital forces too often latent in man, and it proves fatal to any proclivity for reveling in the shade of the temple of intelligence. Succeeding is almost invariably a concentration of thought and a persistency of effort. Successful men for the most part deserve success, their results were wrought out. They did not come to hand already made. Ports may be born but success is made.

Some people seem "to live in an element of disguised sorrow." Labor under the diaphanous delusions that destiny is against them; that their fate hinges upon some strange and undefinable power; that they were born under an unlucky star and are handicapped in the race in spite of effort. They fancy that nothing will tend to equalize them, and it is a serious quibble upon the right of directing their own lives. This unfortunate species of self-deception, self-hypnotism, is a sickly impediment to progress. It paralyzes all effort, antagonizes the felicity of society, ends in a settled question of

His wife had sworn that come what might to chop the wood no more,
And so to keep the family peace, observe the Golden Rule,
He bundled up his worldly goods and started off to school,
But home bred rabbits like to fate pursued his fleeing course,
He mixed in college politics, he used his old time force;
His practiced eye's unerring skill observed election's bent,
And when the year rolled round became our honored president.

There was our eleventh letter, the unpretentious Kay
Whose single mind is never turned far from his books away.
Plain and simple in his speech, neat but not overnice;
While strickly moral in his tone, he held not off from VICE.
An l from far away Montana was a girl of sweet sixteen
Who had laid aside her dollies to become our Josephine.

Her first day in the great school-town
She loved it not nor even Brown;
Her backward fancy, homeward turned
With tearful eyes, for mother yearned.
That homesick might she lay awake
And cried as if her heart would break;
Till, having no more tears to weep,
She sucked her thumb and went to sleep.

And had we searched the universe from Zenith unto Madir,
We had not found a treasurer more competent than Rader;
But the task sometimes so heavy that far into the night
It takes both him and Myra to get the books aright.
We've only one bad fault to find with how the thing is done,
They will insist vehemently that one and one are one.

And there was speaker Ferril with his smooth and beardless chin,
Whose laugh though always struggling never gets beyond a grin,
With that unmeasured eloquence that slumbered in his soul
Till class orations brought it forth and placed him on our roll;
For when he loosens up his jaw and starts the flow of words,
We sit and wonder at the flood of consonants and surds;
How glibly o'er his oily tongue the vowel sounds roll forth
Like Demosthenes, Phillipics poured on Phillip of the North.
We feel the parylitic look, we hear the charming sound,
But the torrent overwhelms us and in it are we drowned;
And as I watch that face diffused I ask with trembling fears,
"What keeps his mouth from creeping up and chewing off his ears?"

While with the hope to organize an ill-created brain
Like a tramp blown in from nowhere was one you know as Crane
Though he had no latent genuine and no desire to show it
In spite of protestations the classic misnamed him "poet."
The plow waits at the furrow's end for jinglers such as he
The weeds choke out the struggling corn nor wait B. S. degree.

There was Carrie Alexander from the dear Hoosier State
Who in some dim and distant time shall make her glory great,
In cold and cruel letters to record our joy and strife
And with searching inquisition bring our hidden past to life
With what trouble gleaned our pages of their long forgotten trash
An l garnered gems of humor from which her wit might flash;
As a fellow sympathizer having plenty else to do
I went one day to see her she was crying for a Cue.
And our Prophetess, Miss Shofestall, who keeps love's secrets well
Whose initiated vision our hopes in rapture tell,
She peeps into the mysteries as thirty cents per peep

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And reveals our fortunes which the scroll of future keep,
As she paints in gaudy colors more than mildest dreams dare show,
Shannon vows with indignation "Sarah too shall have a beam!"

And L. R. Waite who takes his course unmated with the boys,
With a passion yet for eucyre and capacity for noise;
And when he limbers up to yell our thumbs go in our ears
To keep the drums from shattering our sacred hearts fill with fears
For sometime when that might lets loose a force to wake the dead,
How sad if unsuspected fate should blow away his head.

Our dainty little Mascots, none other fit the place
Though Russel travels double, to Stoner's single pace.
There were Finney Jay and Finney Webb, Crangle, Culp, Baird, Coryell,
Wright, Hartline, Hall, Dorn, Hatteberg, and Paul who could'nt spell,
Tennis, Welsh, Glock, Windle, West, Swigart whose tongue often balked,
DeWeise, Block, Landis, Walters, Warne and Spiers who never talked;
Roe, Mahle' Bear and Rosenquist to relieve us of our cash
And at their boarding houses dole out hungriness and hash.

There were also Flynn and Whitlock whose friends say, without fail,
Such budding genius shall be sent to congress or to jail
The ribbon'd Pharic flag no doubt joy to a Pharmic brings
To find Miss Scheurman after skill had made it into apron strings.
It seem'd to m. McCool was much I knew James L. was Moore
While Kennedy's future shown—at the elbows—above a cross roads store.
And there was Anna Bennet who in times no more afar
Should Robb the evening of its Hughes and dim the morning star
Even Niday who looked forward to such ideal times as these;
"Surveyor, Buncome county; P. O. Gallopolis"
Miss Meadows said that baseball talk was quite confused and hazy,
While Welker's great botanic lore much marveled at the Daisy
Renshaws stereoscopic eyes saw in the life no joke
Viewed with business like concernment the tendencies of Koch
And there was Bittner's honest face and Munson's cheerful grin
And Calderhead sat silent and hugged his violin
And Hule whose wavering fancy from his love had taken track
Essayed to make atonement when he took his Mary Moss back
And there was O. A. Johnson and J. P. Johnson too
With names so impoetic I sent Cora to Askew
To find out where to place them as I'd naught to rhyme them with
Till, by George! I struck a happy thought for they rhymed with plain John
Smith.

My mind was drawn from reverie when a paper fell before me,
I picked it up, and as I read, a happy smile came over me.
The language ran like Sturtevant's, it might be Hinshaw's thought;
'Twas meant they for Lottie H. I do not think it so—
But since they were so very neat, Miss Dean will not debar;
I brought the lines along with me and read them as they are.

"Dear Girl from that North Western State,—
The land of storms and snow,
Where man his cyclone cellar takes
When journeying he goes,
Where hurricans oft tear across
The stretch of wind swept plains
And turning houses upside down
Beat out the tenants brains;

pessimism which over shadows all
nature with gloom and bitterness.
Down with such an antique and re-
mote doctrine. There is a question
of ability and steadiness of purpose.
None of fate canonize your concep-
tion of life. Decree your own fate.
"On the whole a man must not com-
plain of his element, of his time, or
the like. It is fruitless work doing so.
His time is bad; well then he is there
to make it better."

Man's whole development depends
largely upon the supremacy of the end
and aim in view,—his conception of
life. It may be an unconscious real-
ization of the ideal by a constant
growth toward that ideal or, in the
systematic exercise of base and ignoble
purposes, it is a gradual transforma-
tion from the human into the un-
humanized form. The height of the
eminence and the intensity of the
idealization determine the plan, meas-
ure, and force of exertion. It has
typified the degree of civilization at
all times, in all countries. The plan
of life can only be finely, fairly and
skillfully wrought out when it is well
conceived and highly exalted and any
perversion or degression from this
principles produces instability of
purpose, in time a humiliating sense
of inferiority, and a gradual melting
into the indistinguishable mass of
human kind. It has its indulgences
in that dismal place in the woods of
the mind where the vast conception
of what is to be done is seeped in the
inaction of despair, where intima-
dation reigns supreme or action if at
all is impulsive, or perspective. Impul-
sive exertions may produce magnifi-
cent deeds, but without a methodical
and steady resolution, without system
and habit, and strength of will, little
that is permanently useful is ever ac-
complished.

Every individual is animated more
or less by noble conceptions and high
sensations of sublimity, but fantastic
dreams and reveries are not realized.
That principle of action in every in-
dividual known as ambition must be
actuated by that "god like" duality
that dreads not. The unanalyzable

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thing in man that makes him execute his conception, if it appears rational to him. A man has a masterly quality who has the courage of his own thought, and very needful it is to combine those things with an intellect which are of relative importance,—the courage, the constancy and the firmness of a Puritan. Combined with intellectual attainments time is merely an accession of power and positive influence; an accumulation of great thoughts which stir, invigorate and expand the soul, guiding the fortunate possessor into that primal source of original thought, keen analysis and constructive energy, so characteristic of a fertile mind. It develops that beautiful investigative, discerning and discriminating power of the mind which seeks to know the whole truth, draws conclusions from the whole combined cloud of witness, "struggles to be genuine and plants itself upon the everlasting truth of things."

No consuming flame more delicate and sweet is there, than the admiration for those venerable men who think their own thoughts, and feel their own emotions, and possess their individuality unviolated. Such are the ones who continue long, achieve high and have a destiny worth considering. They find those essential and fundamental elements in self-confidence, and will power, sought in vain for elsewhere. They possess the secret in the development of a tropical and accurate intellect; that tenacity of purpose most astonishing in its nature and yet most transcendent in its triumphs. They seek at the source, or fountain, of all truth which has influenced the thoughts and directed the conduct of men. They progress from the meditations of solitude—the unknown isolations—into the heights of veneration; from the lowest stations of humilitude into mediocrity, from mediocrity into a higher degree of vision; and of such come the lasting effects upon human affairs wrought and revealed to us in the wisdom of the philosopher, the eloquence of the historian, the sagacity of the statesman, the capacity of the general. All forces

Where neighbors forty miles apart
Drag out their earth-bound days
Whirl round the lonely prairie-cot
The frisky blizzard plays—
To thee I bring my gift of song
My love-lorn greetings kind
And give unboasted merits to
My calibre of mind
"If wandering o'er the velt some day,
A mad careering storm
Should skyward bear thee in its folds
Nor loose thy shrinking form,
And riding on its mighty wings
Like Juno's wrath of old
Thy air-steed takes an Eastward course
O'er mountain, glade and wold;
Then do not feel alarmed, my dear,
For just as sure as sin
You'll find me here with waiting arms
To take you safely in.
I will not like a legend-knight
Slay suitors for thy hand,
Nor shut thee in a prison tight
To bide my stern command:
But in a modern, worldly way
Obeying custom's law;
If thou shalt will, in College-hill,
We'll live in love with "Pa"!

Just then Miss Weaver sweetly sang "O take me as I am!"
And Mabel Clark in rapture cried "My eyes behold the Lamb!"
Bandeem and Davis testified their growing lack of hair
Brought the priceless consolation "There shall be no parting there!"
Then Edna Forney tearful asked: "When shall I be made White?"
And Miss Amanda Brinker began to long for Leicht (Light.)
As wicked E. L. stole up to Miss Spencer—what a sin—
Callan winked at Baker and slyly whispered "Hooper in (!)"
Backslidden Avery wept in fear, "My robe, may I but wear it."
Sue Stewart said, "the burden's great, yet my heart goes out to Barrett (bear it.)"
Boyle idly hummed Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome.
Filled with the spirit Slaber asked to Carrie (carry) Leddin home.
Stahlman gazed upon the Barber and rubbed his bearded chin.
Miss Francisco started Manning but Boling took her in.
John Anderson repentant cried "I know that he will save!"
And with Mabel Moury floated off upon an ether wave.
Then Harrington fell off his seat and Wheeler sought the door;
Miss Timmeon seized and held them both as contraband of war:
"Kind friends, I feel his presence, he will not pass me by—
I veil no face to miss his grace but answer 'here am I'."
Miss Bloss chimed in "I'm waiting too, the time will not be long
Till far from here, in lands more dear, I'll sing my 'bridle' (bridal) song."
I thought the parting hour had come; the floor began to dance;
The walls fell in; the roof slid off; my eyes closed in a trance;
And through the gloom of vision, I saw with other sight
Fantastic forms grow human, and breaking through the night,
All robed and crowned with glory the "immortal J. N." Roe
(Who had a way of finding out just what we didn't know)

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He brandished high a pestle and explained atomic rules
 As Timmons coaxed the atoms to elope with Molly Cules (Molecules)
 And there came well loved L. F. Bennett whose mass of ninety pounds
 And lightning-like rapidity would not confine to bounds;
 With a humor bubbling over, an ever ready laugh;
 A spirit too of fellowship, sometimes provoking chaff;
 Smiled to him self a year old smile when hearing Butler stir up
 And wonder through the vasty dark in search of soothing syrup.
 There lingered even in that hour strange antidote to dreams
 The days of botanizing neath the watchful eye of Weems

There came one who in the faculty is ranked among the lesser
 Who bridges 'oer the chasm twixt the student and professor
 And often in the summer when from class care free
 He seeks the woods of Sager's park as a sailor seeks the sea
 With his knife and loaded satchel he treads the woody ways
 And searches for material to use on coming days.
 He courts the bashful crayfish and he wooves the sportive frogs;
 He battles up Ameobas, steals the turtles off their logs;
 But its said there's one attraction deviates his search for truth,
 Its a country girl whose sweetness revives the hopes of youth.
 I think there's nothing in a name, they label not their sort;
 The tallest man I ever new went by the name of Short;
 The Shortest, Long; the Smartest, Green; but does it then surmise
 I intend insinuations if I say that he is Weis
 There came jolly earnest Roesser who worked us overmuch,
 Who had his Algebra by heart and could even snore in Dutch
 There is a hidden secret has changed his course of life,
 In strict confidence I tell it—they say he loves his wife.

And Cloud when first we knew him was dapper smooth and slim,
 Then he traveled single; now there are two of him;
 He sinkers with the lightning; he trains the elements:
 And in his easy manner shakes them in his confidence
 There was honored Carver, "now you all see that don't you?"
 And Bogarte with equations which we'd always found were true.

Likewise B. F. Williams in his even Classic gait
 To whom we made orations—just to keep our record straight—
 Who mixes ancient heroes and legendary goods
 With business men of modern times and those who carry hods;
 He siezes Classic mystics in their time—secluded haze
 And unwraps them while we slumber in modern college phrase.
 Some day we know that he will go upon a pilgrimage
 Some where somehow to get a frow of sweet and tender age
 And should we hear that to himself this great joy he doth take
 We'll all come back to Valpo and taste his wedding cake.

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But vision lingered over one whose counsel was our guide,
 Who led us o'er the thorn-sown path yet with us walked beside;
 Who showed to our unfolding sight the truth and inner law,
 Who freely gave what he received or what his fancy saw;
 For often in our darkness, hope and energy but dead,
 We saw that ruddy beacon and our midnight gloom was fled.

of self-reliance direct toward that
 healthy intellectual life, normal men-
 tal temperament, broad enlightenment
 and comprehensive grasp, which
 makes a man, a man to the center
 intelligent and industrious.

One may be able to "remember"
 and "understand," but his memory
 and grasp of comprehension avail him
 little unless he has determination. An
 education without the "I will" and
 the "I mean it" lacks fullness and
 completeness. It is this quality
 which develops brain, energy, integ-
 rity, and dovetails into a life of activ-
 ity. It promises intellect and extent
 of knowledge; and without it educa-
 tion is intellectual incapacity, smatter-
 ing of knowledge and socialism. Edu-
 cation is not the philosophers' store
 to transmute into gold the leaden
 metal of mediocre minds. It is not
 the open "sesame" that will unlock
 the door of success to the gentle rap
 of every man. It is simply the theory
 and the guide to exertion, and the
 exertion and the practice are strictly
 individual. This explains at once the
 limited number who make more than
 random journeys into the higher
 realms of its benefit. Mediocrity
 pursues the even tenor of its way—
 and is always mediocre. It seemingly
 has no persistent desire to rise very
 high. Only a limited few we find who
 have the tenacity to ascend the
 heights of its impending danger, gird
 their armor on for battle, and prepare
 for any conjuncture in which they
 may be called on to act. Only those
 enjoy the highest sunshine of futurity
 who breathe that steady atmosphere
 which wafted the caravel of Columbus
 on and on, undaunted by the dragons
 of the middle deep. That "tenacity
 of purpose" which knows no intimi-
 dation of fear or difficulty.

It was mathematically demonstrat-
 ed by the naval board that Dewey
 could not sail over submarine mines
 and blow the Spanish squadron off
 the earth, but he did it. Shafter
 could not storm the strongholds of
 Santiago in the face of a breech-load-
 ing fire and march his men up the
 hill as steadily as if on dress parade.

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but he did it. The same spirit was evinced in the sixties. It was one of Grant's chief points. He knew how to hang on and how to triumph, but he did not know how to let go and how to fail. Unfailing "tenacity of purpose" creates land and naval heroes in time of war and in time of peace. It faces problems of government immense and intricate with an imperial voice saying, "I do not expect the house to fall, but I do expect it will cease to be divided." It looks along lines of birth and history and sinks one deep into his country. "It recognizes what is true; then discerns what is false, and properly never till then." It responded to the agonizing cries of crushed humanity in Cuba, and humiliated a Nation. It cost England thirteen colonies, thousands of men and money, and wrote the "Declaration of Independence;" and identically the same spirit reverberates the venerable proclamation over the barren hills of the "Transvaal," that love for freedom still exists, in the strength of its manhood and full of original spirit.

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His wisdom and his sageness as every student knows
Is simply unapproachable—when in its pest-house clothes.
I saw again that burly form, I heard that untuned voice
From Room C's walls reechoing and it made my heart rejoice
To think no more of Saturdays we have to gather there
And hear him joke McDonald because of his red hair.
Yet often all our quirps are done we think of faithful years;
Spent loyal to the cause of truth without regrets or fears;
We know that dazzling brilliancy brings naught but discontents
So at last we come to trust him for his worth and common sense.
Perhaps in future strife to reach the law within the law
Find no present help in trouble like that which comes from "Pa."

Down the flying track of fancy the whirling axles turned,
And with unmeasured frenzy my mental wheels now burned;
And through the misty distance there came a flash to me,
That filled my soul with gladness and the gift of prophecy.
Some morn for us we know not when will dawn a deathless day,
Our willing souls in rapture then shall break from mortal clay;
From East and West from North and South from land and far off sea
Our earthfreed spirits take their flight to glad eternity.

As softly winging through the gates into that region dear
What happy greetings to exchange for all shall answer "here;"
And closer than the closest when the Lord shall call his own,
The Scientifics gather with Pa Kinsey 'round the throne.

(With apologies to James Whitcomb Riley.)

We'll all come back to Valpo some day for a vacation
Where the latch string hangs from the college door
Where every Scientific was as dear as a relation
Back where we used to be so happy and so poor.

past with an intelligent present to which develops manhood and points contribute vastly to the science of to the highest possibilities of human human well-being. Without "tenacity nature. It calls out the highest and of purpose" an occupation calls into the noblest qualities, and make more of a man or more of a woman. And play the inferior qualities of man; developing cunning, shrewdness, decep- alone, this true element of manhood and womanhood is the most precious tion, and for want of activity permits and sublime gift to human beings. and the finer instincts to shrivel and die. Life is resorted to for a monetary Lifes sunshine and its hopeless de- gratification, and vocations are meas- reat. It is deep calling unto deep; ured by the lowly standard of getting the beckoning song of the morning stars; the ideal form of an expanded a living.

Pure tenacity of purpose is an ideal soul. It binds the great round earth striving to attain the heaven of this in every way with "golden chains life. It points to the highest success, about the fact of God." Its potent which is not living making, money. charm, its wondrous power will live making, or fame making; but man- "as long as the heart has passion and making women making, character as long as life has woes."

making, manhood and womanhood The remainder of the Scientific class overtop vocations, positions, or titles; day exercises will be completed in the and are vastly grander than any next issue of the Current Oct. 20, career.

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Mr. A. E. Wickizer is now in charge of Debating and parliamentary Law.

Mrs. Florence Higgins Butler has resumed her position as Prof. of Elocution.

Word has been received from Prof. Bogarte that he and his party arrived safely in Paris.

Harry Kay well known to the Scientifics of 1900 is now Assistant Professor in the school.

Mr. Ellworth Sherman of Scientific 1900 has secured a fine position as Asst. Principal in the Public Schools at Lander, Wyoming. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Sherman.

Some of the students of last year who are now in other colleges are A. H. Klausen and Ed Hoffman studying law at Ann Arbor, John Garvin at Madison University, Wis., Herman Leicht, Madison, Wis., and Scott, Sufley and Willis at Bloomington, Ind.

Great preparations are being made by that portion of Senior Law class known as the "Nuclii" to take all before them in this year's class elections. Another caucus is in the wind. It

will be remembered that last year this same body so disastrously suffered defeat at the hands of the other faction known as the Conservatives.

The remainder of the Scientific class day exercises will be completed in the next issue of the COLLEGE CURRENT. Owing to the length of the program it could not all be contained in the present issue.

A Howard county farmer lost a cow in a very queer manner. Recently the animal got out of the pasture and in rummaging through a summer kitchen she found an old umbrella and cake of yeast. The yeast fermented in the poor beast's stomach, raised the umbrella and she died in horrible agony from expansion.

It has been decided that a person who writes a letter to a publisher and induces to insert an advertisement on a promise to pay for same upon presentation of bill when he has no intention of paying said bill, is guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses. The court characterizes this transaction as using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

College Ave. has been improved very much by the addition of a new store. The new firm is composed of T. J. Johnson and Chas. Hoyman. Mr. Hoyman for several years was the Hill salesman for Lowenstine and has a wide acquaintance. They are running a general furnishing store for ladies and gentlemen. The past reputation of the two gentlemen as business men insures their success. Read their add in this issue.



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Personals.

The Scientific, Law and Pharmacy classes are exceptionally large.

Miss Nellie Snider, Classic 1900, is teaching school at Bremen, Ind.

Mrs. Grace Drown has resigned and Mrs. J. N. Roe has taken her position.

Prof. R. A. Storm has gone to Volga South Dakota to begin the practice of law.

Miss Mildred Wheelock, Scientific '96 and '98 is head teacher of mathematics in the High schools of Bradford, Pa.

Prof. Chaffee who for many years has been teacher of Harmony in the Music Dept. is now permanently located here.

W. A. Lewis, Scientific '99, was calling on friends last week. He is attending the Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago.

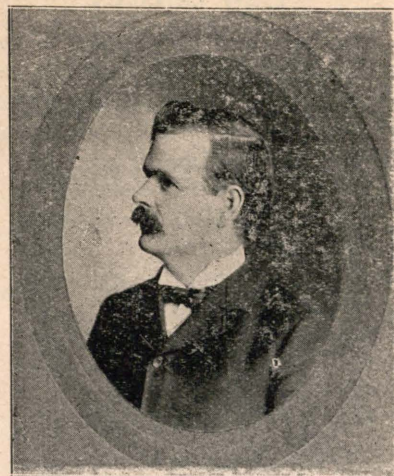
Miss Edith Scheurman was on the Hill last week calling on her old classmates. She has secured a position as Ass't Principal in the High schools at Culver, Ind.

This term promises to be a very eventful one. A Bryan club and a McKinley club are being formed and as they are about even in members a warmed time is anticipated.

The new term has opened very auspiciously. Never before in the history of the school has there been such a large attendance during the first term. The school is larger by over 100 than it has ever been before at this time of year.

Miss Anna Ward, who for several years has been connected with the Music Department has resigned and Dame Rumor says will soon officiate with a matrimony Department. Miss Ward has been a most successful teacher and her place will be hard to fill.

Many changes have taken place since last term. Many new professors have been added in school and some of our old ones have departed. Mr. McAuley has resigned and will go to John Hopkins University to pursue a course of study. His place has been taken by Prof. Hoover.



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Alfred L. Fraser.
James L. Frink.
Frank M. Gaines.
Philip C. Gould.
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Marion W. Hazel.
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Clifton J. Hobbs.
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John D. Kennedy.
Richard Guy Kneeder.
Hugh Kreuter.
John T. Ledgerwood.
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C. Vallandigham Liming.
Aubrey R. Marshal.
Herman A. Melville.
Arthur W. Mulholland.
James O'Hara.
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Sam W. Pennock.
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Joe S. Schroeder.
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Ole O. Skalet.
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Charles G. Taylor.
William O. Thomas.
Samuel L. Trabue.
Williard B. Van Horne.
Denny C. Walston.
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George A. Williams.
Wirt Worden.

JUNIOR LAW CLASS.

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Charles Bozarth.
August Bremer.
N. Frank Burns.
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Charles C. Curry.
Charles W. Elmslie.
Joseph W. Fendrick.
Clair Fern.
Walter Harrold.
Paul C. Hayes.
Ed. R. Heenan.
Allen Hinton.
Granville Hogan.
Fred C. Horine.
Jack B. Hutchinson.
William E. Isley.
Omer S. Jackson.
John H. Johnson.
Fred C. Klein.
Wilfred M. Leise.
R. Westey McAllister.
Elliot McFarlane.
Fred E. Martin.
Merritt Martindale.
Edgar W. Mett er.
George M. Mitchell.
Charles R. Mock.
Harry L. Nelson.
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I. Theo. Richardson.
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Charles A. Shields.
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 That can not mind their own affairs
 And let this old world go;
 And they said it was right and proper
 That a wealthy man's fair daughter
 "Should take a true American,"
 Not one from o'er the water,
 But somehow this won't always do,
 For we have seen it tried.
 There was a man of culture once
 Took a fair Chicago bride;
 And all the guests assembled praised
 The maids and fair bride's dress,
 And then the menu and the diamonds
 Were lauded by the press.
 And while the preacher did his best
 To make them truly one,
 The lawyer made them two again
 And his work was all undone.
 In fact, there's been more cases;
 In this big land of the free
 Where they're met and loved and parted
 With a great big lawyer's fee.
 "All is not gold that glitters"
 In the dirt the miners shovel,
 And do not count on perfect bliss
 In palace, cot or hovel;
 But there's a wealth that discounts gold
 And the one who seeks may find.
 If you meet it not in wedded bliss,
 You may have it "In your mind."
 ORRIL DE PUE.

John L. Powers, the brother of former Secretary of State Caleb Powers of Kentucky, and himself one of the prominent figures in the Goebel imbroglio, will come back to Valparaiso to take a course at the N. I. Law school. Both John and Caleb are graduates of the Normal, and well remembered here.

In his recent oratorical swoop on North Indianapolis, ex-Gov. Taylor, formerly of Kentucky, got his figures a little mixed or else he has most eccentric notions of anatomy. In the height of his fervent denunciation of the democratic party for its attitude on an issue that has been dead for nearly forty years, he said: "If I had the history behind me, staring me in the face," etc.

James A. White, the last of the Balaklava survivors, is dead. He had lived near Upper Sandusky, O., since 1857. The battle was made famous by Lord Tennyson's "The Charge of the Light Brigade," and from all that is known, Mr. White was the last one of the twenty survivors. The charge was made by 625 men and more than 600 men were killed.

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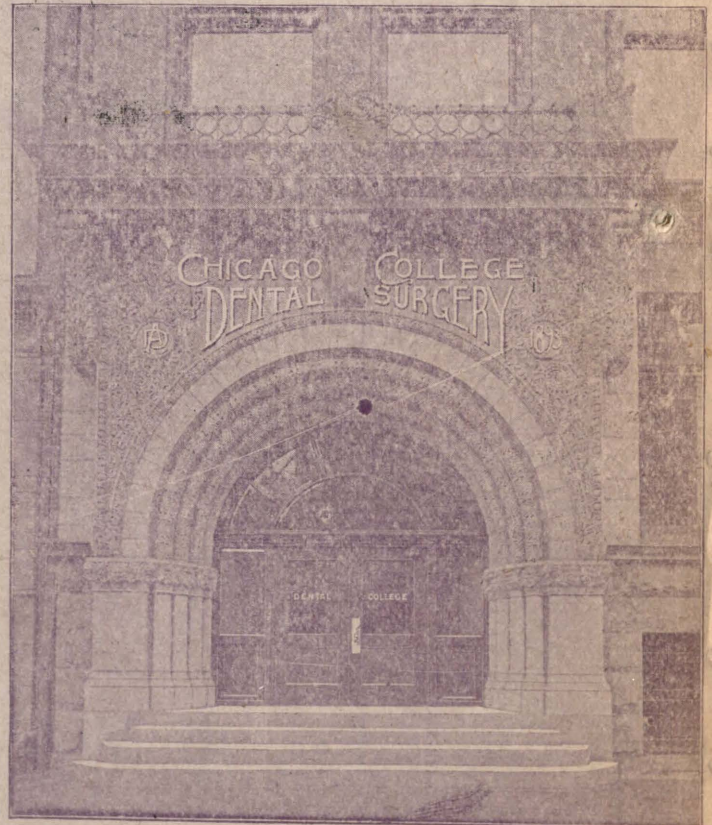
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